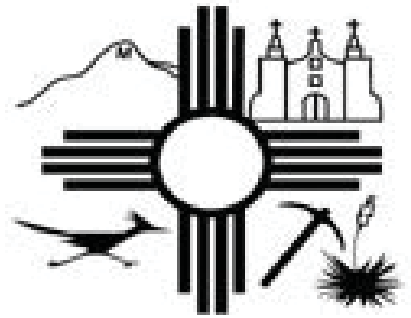


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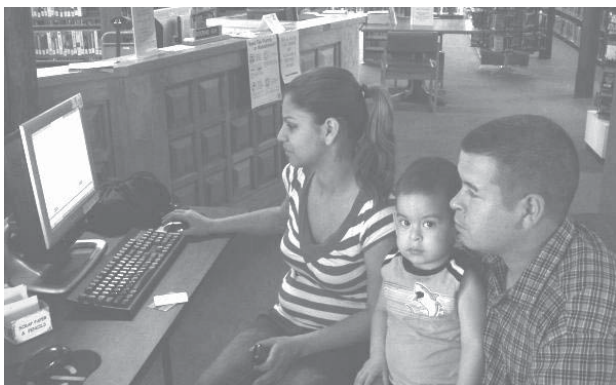
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Tweet, Friend, Post, Double-click: How Computer/Internet Literate are You?

“Literacy and the library are tied together: computer literacy is a part of it. It helps if you’re computer literate and can find information for yourself,” says Reference Librarian Thaddeus Bejnar. Already the Socorro Public Library provides 10 computers for adult use and five in the children’s area, but now it’s doing even more to promote computer use and to help all of us improve our computer skills.

Partnering with the State Library and Fast Forward New Mexico through a federal grant, the library is offering basic computer literacy courses and, for small businesses and entrepreneurs, classes in using Internet social networks to increase sales and find new markets.

You’ll want to consider the basic computer classes if you are a true beginner. You will be introduced to such things as using a mouse, a search engine, word processor software, email. You can learn how to set up and install basic computer hardware and software



Maria Castillo, her son Diego, Jr., and her husband Diego use one of the public terminals at the library to access the Internet.

programs--even how to fill out forms and take classes online.

The basic courses are offered in April and consist of a morning and an afternoon of three hours each per class, with Friday lab time to try out some of the things you’ve learned.

The May classes target small business owners and entrepreneurs focusing on using Internet tools to reduce costs and increase efficiency including e-commerce and e-marketing techniques, devising e-newsletters and websites and taking payments securely online. You can learn how to effectively use Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube to promote your business.

Class sizes are limited and you must sign up in advance. Fast Forward is supplying the computers and the Socorro Public Library is supplying the space and Internet connection. If you already have basic skills and access to the Internet, you can read the full class descriptions and sign up at <http://fastforwardnm.org>. Otherwise, drop by the library at 401 Park Street to learn more and to register. For more information, you can call the library at 835-1114.

>>>>>All of the classes are FREE!<<<<<

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